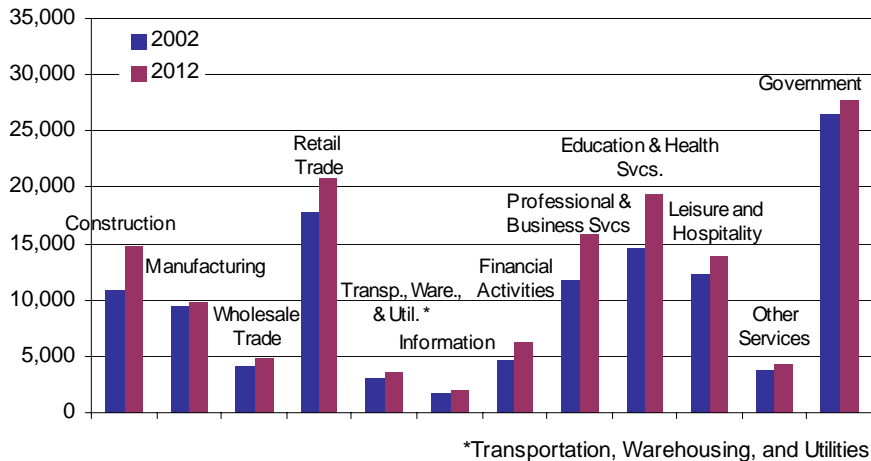


## Solano County Projection Highlights

### Industry

Nonfarm wage and salary employment in Solano County is expected to grow nearly 1.9 percent annually between 2002 and 2012. The projected annual growth rate is slightly higher than the 1.8 percent forecasted for California as a whole. Solano's employment in 2012 is anticipated to reach about 143,000, a projected increase of 22,500 new jobs. Nearly 70 percent of all nonfarm wage and salary jobs are forecasted to occur in Educational and Health Services (21%), Professional and Business Services (18%), Construction (17%), and Retail Trade (13%).

Below is a graph of the 2002 and projected 2012 employment for the major industry sectors.



Construction is expected to be the fastest growing major industry sector with an annual growth rate of nearly 3.6 percent. The growth rate is higher than the 3 percent forecasted for the state. Other industries growing faster than the overall California growth rate are Professional and Business Services (3.5%) and Educational and Health Services (3.3%).

### Occupations

Occupational projections for the period 2002 to 2012 forecast:

- Over 22,000 new jobs from industry growth,
- Over 30,000 job openings from Net Replacements,
- A combined total of almost 53,000 job openings.

The top 50 occupations with the most job openings will generate almost 60 percent of all job openings in Solano County during the 2002-2012 period. These occupations are expected to generate over 31,000 total job openings. While many of these occupations are typically lower paying, entry level occupations such as Cashiers, Retail Salespersons, Waiters and Waitresses, and Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, Including Fast Food, higher-skilled and higher paying occupations such as Carpenters, Registered Nurses, and Managers are also forecasted to have a substantial number of job openings over the ten-year period.

The 50 fastest growing occupations are all expected to grow at an annual rate of 2.8 percent or more. Occupations Construction, Education, Health and Scientific fields are scattered throughout the top fifty fastest growing occupations. Half of these occupations require education beyond high school and some pay over \$30 per hour.

